

Claim Status

No claims in the original patent are amended or cancelled. Claims 20-34 are added.

Remarks

The patented invention is compact in size. See the Title and Column 1, Lines 60-61 of US patent 6,013,096 (hereinafter "the '096 patent"). It is freely movable and easy to maneuver by hand. See Col. 2, Line 63. Preferably a battery is used to supply electrical power to the laser beam generating means. See Col. 2, Line 34. The battery can be any commercially-available d.c. battery. See Col. 5, Line 63.

The specification supports a battery attached to the laser module to power it. See Col. 2, Lines 12-14; Col. 4, Lines 12-17. The specification does not require that the battery reside in an external housing separate from the wand. If a small enough battery is used, or alternatively a large enough wand, the battery can fit inside the wand cavity, making a shorter connection to the laser module and thus a smaller size device. See Col. 4, Lines 20-22. The added claims reflect moving the battery to the wand cavity.

Further, the specification does not indicate that the wand must move relative to a housing to achieve the objectives of the invention. The pertinent object here is to move the wand relative to the patient. See Col. 1, Lines 62-65; Col. 4, Line 48. As originally claimed, the means for supplying electrical power may reside in a housing external to the wand so that, in effect the wand moves relative to the housing when moving relative to the patient. However, the object of freely moving the wand relative to the patient can be achieved without reference to the housing, particularly if the power means is moved within the wand.

Applicant believes that the specification supports the added claims 20-34, and respectfully requests that the '096 patent be amended to add these claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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